



Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 1 November 2022: Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Hill Station

MS LAWDER: Thanks. To use another example, hill station in Hume which I think was heritage listed in 2012, it looks, to the naked eye, just to be pretty much falling down. What role has ACT government played in ensuring that the owner of that asset is, you know, maintaining or adhering to a conservation management plan?

Ms Vassarotti: Thank you, Ms Lawder, for the question. I am not actually aware of who is the asset owner for that property, so that might—I do not know if we have that information, that might be one that we take on notice in terms of what—actually who the asset owner is and if there is—but asset owners have the responsibility, they should be, for a listed asset, there should be a conservation management plan in place and that should be being adhered to, yes.

Mr Burkevics: I have got some information minister that I can provide on that matter so I think recently hill station was signed to a new owner, I am advised that ACT Heritage has recently met with the new owner to provide early advice on the conservation and management approaches so that place and it is a private owner.

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

ACT Heritage has taken a proactive approach and recently met with a representative of the new owner of Hill Station to discuss necessary repairs and conservation works to the homestead and other significant elements.

Hill Station was registered on the ACT Heritage Register in 2012. At the time of registration, the site had been abandoned for a number of years and there had been considerable damage to the homestead and other buildings on site.

The new owner has been encouraged to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the site, to guide the repair works needed at this complex site, and to conserve and responsibly manage it into the future.

In the event that further action needs to be undertaken to achieve this outcome, the *Heritage Act 2004* has a range of enforcement options should an individual or organisation diminish the heritage significance of a place or object, including Heritage Directions and Repair Damage Directions.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA